

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

S. KATZMAN PRODUCE INC.,

Plaintiff(s),

v.

JHJW INC., et al.,

Defendant(s).

23-CV-6419 (DEH)

**NOTICE OF REASSIGNMENT &
ORDER**

DALE E. HO, United States District Judge:

This case has been reassigned to the undersigned. All counsel must familiarize themselves with the Court's Individual Practices, which are available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-dale-e-ho>. The pretrial conference—currently scheduled for October 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.—will now be held on **November 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** The parties should join the conference by calling the Court's conference line at (646) 453-4442 and using the access code 571 905 458, followed by the pound (#) key. Unless and until the Court orders otherwise, all other prior orders, dates, and deadlines shall remain in effect notwithstanding the case's reassignment. Nothing herein shall affect the scope of the existing reference to the Magistrate Judge. Any conference or oral argument before or directed by the Magistrate Judge will proceed as ordered.

Additionally, **within two weeks** of the filing of this Order (i.e., by **October 26, 2023**), the parties are hereby ORDERED to file on ECF a joint letter updating the Court on the status of the case. The joint letter shall not exceed five (5) pages, and shall provide the following information, to the extent it is relevant, in separate paragraphs:

1. Names of counsel and current contact information, if different from the information currently reflected on the docket;

2. A brief statement of the nature of the case and/or the principal defenses thereto;
3. A brief explanation of why jurisdiction and venue lie in this Court;
4. A statement of all existing deadlines, due dates, and/or cut-off dates;
5. A statement of any previously-scheduled conference dates with the Court that have not yet occurred and the matters that were to be discussed;
6. A brief description of any outstanding motions, including the date of the motion and the nature of the relief sought;
7. A statement and description of any pending appeals;
8. A detailed statement of all discovery undertaken to date, including how many depositions each party has taken and what, if any, discovery remains that is essential for the parties to engage in meaningful settlement negotiations;
9. A brief description of the status of ongoing mediation discussions—including an update on the mediation conference held on October 5, 2023—without disclosing exact offers and demands;
10. An estimate of the length of trial, should settlement discussions fail; and
11. Any other information that the parties believe may assist the Court in advancing the case to settlement or trial, including, but not limited to, a description of any dispositive or novel issue raised by the case.

If this case has been settled or otherwise terminated, counsel are not required to submit such letter or to appear, provided that a stipulation of discontinuance, voluntary dismissal, or other proof of termination is filed on the docket prior to the joint letter submission deadline, using the appropriate ECF Filing Event. *See* SDNY ECF Rules & Instructions §§ 13.17-13.19, available at http://nysd.uscourts.gov/ecf_filing.php. Requests for extensions or adjournment may be made only by letter-motion filed on ECF, and must be received at least two business days

before the deadline or scheduled appearance, absent compelling circumstances. The written submission must state (1) the original date(s) set for the appearance or deadline(s) and the new date(s) requested; (2) the reason(s) for the request; (3) the number of previous requests for adjournment or extension; (4) whether these previous requests were granted or denied; and (5) whether opposing counsel consents, and, if not, the reasons given by opposing counsel for refusing to consent.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 12, 2023
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dale Ho', is written above a horizontal line.

DALE E. HO
United States District Judge